

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE ALIGNMENT OF ELIGIBILITY FOR THE OLD AGE PENSION PROGRAM WITH ELIGIBILITY FOR OTHER PUBLIC BENEFIT PROGRAMS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, ALIGNING THE WAITING PERIOD FOR THE OLD AGE PENSION WITH THE WAITING PERIOD FOR OTHER PUBLIC BENEFIT PROGRAMS, ENFORCING FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR RELATIVE SPONSORS OF NONCITIZENS, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 04/01/10 Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note Was Prepared

None. The Senate Appropriations Committee is the committee of reference for this bill.

JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

Concurs **Does Not Concur** **Updated Analysis**

Amendments/Appropriation Status

The bill includes an appropriations clause with the following FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11 provisions.

FY 2009-10: The bill includes appropriations of \$46,000 total funds to the Department of Human Services (including \$17,309 transferred from the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing) for costs associated with Colorado Benefits Management System changes.

FY 2010-11: (1) The bill includes appropriations of \$45,761 total funds to the Department of Human Services, \$17,220 total funds to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, and \$45,761 reappropriated funds to the Governor's Office for costs associated with Colorado Benefits Management System changes. (2) The bill includes a reduction of \$13,439,987 cash funds to the Department of Human Services for Old Age Pension cash assistance programs.

Bill Sponsor Amendments

Staff is not aware of any sponsor amendments to be offered.

Points to Consider

This bill increases General Fund revenue by decreasing Old Age Pension (OAP) expenditures for OAP cash assistance programs. The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) has introduced a balanced budget package for FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11 based on the March 2010 Legislative Council Staff revenue forecast. The JBC has included as part of its FY 2010-11 plan the \$13,417,987 General Fund impact of this bill, as introduced. (This reflects the loss in General Fund revenue if the bill does not pass, adjusted for Colorado Benefits Management System General Fund and OAP cash fund expenditures that would not be incurred.)